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CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE POPULATION FOR THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY FUND SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

This memo corrects information provided to your Board regarding Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Fund (EDF) eligibility criteria for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), which resulted in the April 6, 2010, Board motion by Supervisors Knabe and Yaroslavsky, and amended by Antonovich. The California Department of Social Services letter dated September 15, 2009, informs all counties that effective July 28, 2009, families eligible for TANF ECF funded subsidized employment positions also include "needy families" with an income of less than 200 percent of the official federal poverty level (FPL). Based on this information, the Chief Executive Office clarifies that SYEP eligibility is not restricted to youth of CalWORKs families, but allows all needy families below 200 percent of the FPL to be eligible. As a result, clarifying that this broader population is to be included in the SYEP will enable us to employ up to 19,000 youth.

Based on information presented to your Board that federal TANF ECF was for CalWORKs youth/families, your Board moved to go ahead and include the CalWORKs youth/families in the County's SYEP. Since the Board made no population restriction on the County's SYEP, this memo confirms that the Board did not restrict the federal TANF ECF to CalWORKs youth/families. Therefore, all needy families below 200 percent FPL can access the SYEP funded by TANF ECF.

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We will work with the Department of Public Social Services to inform all seven Workforce Investment Boards of this clarification. We will work together to ensure all eligible youth have the opportunity to participate in the SYEP.

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